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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALS

1. IN INTERVIEW DEFENDING DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN CANADIAN EMBASSY SAIGON ON BROADCAST THIS AFTERNOON BY CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, CANADIAN MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION, ROBERT ANDRAS, STATED THAT LIST CONTAINING FOURTEEN THOUSAND NAMES OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO CANADA HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO CANADIAN EMBASSIES ABROAD AND WAS ALSO FORWARDED QUOTE TO THE AMERICANS UNQUOTE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT CANADIAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS WERE QUOTE STANDING BY UNQUOTE AND SHOULD GOV LIFT EXIT VISA RESTRICTIONS GOC WOULD CONSIDER SENDING QUOTE TEAM UNQUOTE BACK TO SAIGON.

2. THIS EMBASSY AND CONSULATES IN CANADA HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS BY CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS FOR ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALS DESTINED FOR CANADA.

3. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE IN COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD APRIL 25 FOCUSSED ENTIRELY ON "CALLOUS" GOC DECISION TO CLOSE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON AND EVACUATE CANADIAN PERSONNEL, THEIR AUTOMOBILES AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND TOURIST CURIOS, BUT NOT MORE THAN HANDFUL
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OF VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF
PURPORTED CANADIAN APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY HAS
NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY GOC IN OTTAWA. EMBASSY WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE ANY SPECIAL GUIDANCE ON BEST WAY FOR
RESPONDING TO INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN
ARRANGING AIR EVACUATION FOR VIETNAMESE NATIONALS DESTINED
FOR CANADA.
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